

October 4, 2022

Anthony Doan, Council Chair State Building Code Council PO Box 41449 Olympia, WA 98504-1449

RE: Proposed updates to the residential and low-rise multifamily building energy code

Chair Doan,

The Vancouver City Council supports the proposed changes to the state building energy code for residential and low-rise multifamily buildings. In Washington State, buildings account for over one-fourth of all greenhouse gas emissions and are the fastest growing sector of emissions while in the City of Vancouver, our last greenhouse gas inventory showed buildings accounting for roughly one-third of the community's total emissions.

These proposed code changes align with and support the City Council's preliminary climate goals of an 80% reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and zero emissions by 2040. We ask the State Building Code Council to approve these code changes.

Sincerely,

Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor, Vancouver WA

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CC: Mayor Pro Tem Ty Stober; Councilmember Bart Hansen; Councilmember Erik Paulsen; Councilmember Sarah Fox; Councilmember Diana Perez; Councilmember Kim Harless; Eric Holmes, City Manager